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Allison Mack

, best known for her role in the television series Smallville, has a criminal history primarily centered on her high-ranking involvement in the NXIVM cult and its secret subgroup, DOS.

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Criminal Convictions and Charges

Guilty Plea (2019): Mack pleaded guilty to one count of racketeering and one count of racketeering conspiracy.

Admitted Criminal Conduct: As part of her plea, she admitted to state law extortion and forced labor. Specifically, she confessed to:

Coerced two women into unpaid work by threatening to release "collateral" (compromising personal information or nude photos).

Recruiting women into DOS under the guise of a female mentorship program, where they were actually groomed for sexual exploitation by cult leader Keith Raniere.

Directly or implicitly requiring recruits to engage in sexual activity with Raniere in exchange for financial benefits and continued status.

Initial Charges (2018): She was originally arrested on charges of sex trafficking, sex trafficking conspiracy, and forced labor conspiracy.

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Sentencing and Incarceration

Sentencing (June 30, 2021): Mack was sentenced to three years in federal prison, three years of supervised release, 1,000 hours of community service, and a $20,000 fine.

Leniency for Cooperation: Although she faced up to 17.5 years under advisory guidelines, the judge granted a shorter sentence because she provided "detailed and highly corroborated information" to help convict Keith Raniere.

Incarceration: She began her sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Dublin in September 2021.

Release: Mack was released early for good behavior on July 3, 2023, after serving approximately 21 months of her three-year sentence.

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Post-Release Activity

As of late 2025, Mack has begun speaking publicly about her experiences:

Public Remorse: She has described her involvement as her "biggest mistake and

greatest regret," acknowledging the abuse and trauma she caused.
Current Endeavours: She is reportedly pursuing a master's degree in social work and working for a nonprofit that focuses on bringing arts to prisons.
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Allison Mack’s criminal history centers on her role in NXIVM and its subgroup DOS. She pleaded guilty to racketeering and racketeering conspiracy, was sentenced to three years in federal prison, and was released in July 2023 after serving about 21 months.[1][2]

What she was charged with

She was originally arrested in 2018 on sex-trafficking, sex-trafficking conspiracy, and forced-labor conspiracy charges tied to NXIVM and DOS. Her guilty plea covered racketeering-related conduct, including coercing women with “collateral” and helping recruit women under false pretenses.[3][1]

Sentence and release

A federal court sentenced her in June 2021 to three years in prison, three years of supervised release, 1,000 hours of community service, and a $20,000 fine. She reported to prison in September 2021 and was released on July 3, 2023.[2][1]

Current status

Recent reporting says she has spoken publicly about her involvement, is pursuing a master’s degree in social work, and is working with a nonprofit connected to arts in prisons.[4][5]

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What was her specific role in NXIVM and DOS

What is she doing now after prison release
Details on Keith Raniere NXIVM trial and sentence

Allison Mack held a high-ranking position in NXIVM as a key recruiter and leader, rising to become one of Keith Raniere's closest deputies. In the secret DOS subgroup—a "sorority" within NXIVM—she served as a "master," recruiting women as her "slaves," coercing them to provide compromising "collateral" (like nude photos), enforcing starvation diets, overseeing branding rituals with Raniere's initials, and facilitating their sexual exploitation by him.[11][12][13]

Post-prison life

Since her July 2023 release after serving 21 months, Mack has remarried (to a man described as a reformed neo-Nazi), enrolled at Long Beach City College, and pursued studies possibly toward a social work degree while expressing public remorse in podcasts like CBC's "Allison After NXIVM".[14][15][16]

Raniere's trial outcome

Keith Raniere, NXIVM's founder, was convicted in June 2019 after a six-week trial on all counts, including racketeering, sex trafficking, forced labor, and child pornography possession. In October 2020, he received a 120-year prison sentence plus a $1.75 million fine, effectively a life term, following victim testimonies about manipulation and abuse.[17][18][19]

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